- of the regular service monitoring audits. Bidder response to this RFP must include a description of the proposed NPAC voice communication facilities to be implemented.
- Procurement and management of the data communication facilities required between the NPAC contractor, the data center, and the system vendor are the responsibility of the NPAC contractor. The contractor must provide redundant data communication facilities to provide for disaster recovery due to facility outages. It will be the responsibility of NPAC contractor to meet the data communication specifications of the NPAC SMS system vendor. Data Communication must also include the ability to input into the appropriate trouble reporting systems.

12.22 Staffing

Key Requirements

- Please provide proposed staffing profiles and staffing levels. This must be part of the bidder's initial response.
- Please indicate whether you are using part and full-time employees and also the screening process for determining employment.

12.23 Service Objectives

NPAC Availability

NPAC hours of operation will be 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Staffing at the facility will be at appropriate levels to ensure quick response to user needs at any time of the day or week.

Quality of Service

The goal of the NPAC is to provide high quality NPAC SMS support and user support. NPAC will play a key role in the achievement of error free, ubiquitous ported local number service provisioning on the part of service providers. In this role, the NPAC contractor must, at all times, be mindful of the revenue and time sensitive nature of the support services provided to users.

Performance Standards

The NPAC contractor performance will be monitored in accordance with the standards proposed as part of the bidder's response and then negotiated following the contractor selection. These NPAC service standards must tie together the following three quality-of-service components:

Performance standards for NPAC procedural tasks (illustrative task standards available upon request)

Bidder's quality assurance and control guidelines upon which NPAC staff members base their individual performance objectives

NPAC contractor-defined performance evaluation process that, through self-monitoring, provides ongoing measurements of how well NPAC service objectives are being met.

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The bidder's response must address standards addressing each of the following criteria:

- Service consistency
- Service reliability
- Service response time

The NPAC contractor's performance will be evaluated by the Contracting Party. The process will consist of both quantitative and qualitative assessments.

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Requirements Checklist

This section provides a summary checklist of the requirements and responsibilities of NPAC. Respondents are required to review the applicable information in each of the references cited and are required to provide an RFP response affirming compliance (or non-compliance) with the specification. Affirmative statements will require compliance in generally available production system(s) to meet the 4Q96 in-service date. If not able to state compliance with all of a reference's requirements to meet such date, the responding vendor shall provide the earliest date that a compliant product can be delivered.

Does (will) the product comply?
 Product compliant delivery date

References

		Does (will) the product comply?	Product complaint delivery date
12.2	Logon Administration		
	Assist with new logon requests	YesNo	_
	Verify logon signature approval	Yes No	
	Initialize logon ID, password and security level	Yes No	_
	Update database and add new users	Yes No	
	Notify user of logon activation	Yes No	
	Resolve problems with existing logon IDs or passwords	Yes No	
12.3	Customer Record Security		
	Establish user boundaries through user access permission classes	Yes No	
	Assign new users to the correct security permission class	Yes No	
	Exercise absolute control of access to customer records	Yes No	
	Monitor and report unauthorized system access attempts	Yes No	
12.4	Scheduled System Unavailability Notification		
	Notify users in advance of planned or known system unavailability	Yes No	

12.5	Software Release Acceptance Testing			
	Update software test plans	Yes_	_ No	
	Allocate staff for performing tests	Yes_	_ No	
	Execute test plans		_ No	
•	Generate and resolve testing trouble reports			
	Document test results			
	Certify NPAC SMS software and release for operation			
12.6	Administration of Global Tables			
	Create and maintain NPAC SMS data tables	Yes_	_ No	
	Map table information to appropriate codes (i.e., NPA, NXX, LRN)			
	Create and maintain descriptive data table labels	Yes_	_ No	
12.7	NPA Split/Mass Changes Administration			
	Maintain a close working relationship with organizations			
	responsible for NPA split/mass changes scheduling		_ No	
	Analyze split impact on NPAC SMS administrative tables	Yes_	_ No	
	Analyze split impact on NPAC SMS customer records	Yes_	_ No	
	Notify pending split to appropriate service provider service administration centers	Yes	_ No	
	Coordinate with data center vendor to execute	Yes_	_ No	
	NPAC SMS programs required to perform table and record modifications			
12.8	User Problem Resolution			-
	Resolve customer record access problems	Yes	_ No	
	Clarify feature capabilities for users		No	
	Resolve customer record input and modification problems			
	Perform acceptance testing for new software releases			
12.9	Software Release Acceptance Testing			
	Update software test plans	Yes	_ No	
	Allocate staff for performing tests	Yes_	_ No	
	Execute test plans	Yes_	_ No	
	Generate and resolve testing trouble reports	Yes	_ No	
	Document test results	Yes	_ No	
	Certify NPAC SMS software and release for operation	Yes	_ No	

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12.10	Software Notification Update Notify users of upcoming NPAC SMS software releases	Yes No	
12.11	Training Administration		
•	Serve as primary contact for course schedules/registration information	Yes No	
	Ensure availability of all NPAC SMS training	Yes No	
12.12	Document Order Administration		
	Process documentation requests	Yes No	
	Provide billing documentation	Yes No	
	Initiate documentation update distribution	Yes No	
	Provide documentation description, ordering information and price list literature	YesNo	
12.13	Training and Documentation User Feedback Getting appropriate user recommendations reflected in NPAC SMS system documentation and training material	Yes No	
12.14	SCP Download Problem Resolution		
	Analyze and resolve exception report issues resulting from unsuccessful SCP updates	Yes No	
12.15	Report Administration		
	Generate and distribute NPAC SMS reports to all requesting users who are entitled to receive reports	Yes No	
	Validate the accuracy of report contents	Yes No	
	Generate and distribute reports to NPAC SMS users who are entitled to receive reports and do not have local print facilities	Yes No	
	Resolve report interpretation problems	Yes No	
12.16	Failure Recovery Administration and User Notification		
	Notify all NPAC SMS user groups of an unscheduled system shutdown or failure	Yes No	
*	Serve as the key point of contact for system recovery status		

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12.17	Interface Monitoring			
	Assist in the resolution of data communication problems			
	with other NPAC SMS service systems (SPs, Operator	Vac	No	
	Service Systems, RAOs, etc.)	res	_ 140	
•	Provide technical assistance to NPAC SMS users experiencing problems accessing the system	Yes	No	-
	Generate automatic audit reports			
	Constant automate automorphism	. 00		
12.18	Software Release Acceptance Testing			
	Update software test plans	Yes	_ No	
	Allocate staff for performing tests	Yes	_ No	
	Execute test plans	Yes	_ No	
	Generate and resolve testing trouble reports			
	Document test results	Yes	_ No	
	Certify NPAC SMS software and release for operation	Yes_	_ No	
12.19	Administration			
	Plan NPAC staff for software acceptance testing, ensure			
	problem report acceptance results, and resolution of	Vaa	NI.	
	discrepancies	res	_ No	
	Schedule staff training for new software features and updates	Yes	_ No	
	Analyze documentation and training impact			
	Coordinate testing and cutover with NPAC SMS data center			
	operations	Yes	_No	
	Coordinate critical software release cutover		_No	
	Provide monthly billing for service provider and SCP			
	owner/operator NPAC usage			
	Manage NPAC accounts receivable collection			
	Manage NPAC accounts payable responsibilities			
	Resolve any NPAC billing disputes	Yes	_ No	
	Process bills to NPAC from data center operations and system vendor for support services	Yes	_No	
	Adjust staffing level based on forecast system usage demands	Yes_	_ No	***
	Plan capital equipment based on required staffing levels and NPAC performance standards	Yes	_ No	
	Manage NPAC facilities		_No	
	Monthly status reports on total billing, summary of customer service activities, transactions, and trouble reports,			
	summary of administrative and other support activities	Yes	_ No	

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	List of trouble reports, with a breakdown between NPAC SMS and NPAC user complaints	Vec	No	
	List of cleared trouble reports		No	
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12.20	Facilities Requirements		-	
	Be dedicated entirely for NPAC use	Yes_	No	
	Be a distinguishable area, separate from other parts of the facility by use of secure access points	Yes_	No	
	Be contiguous space so that all NPAC staff members are physically located within the same secure area	Yes_	No	
	Serve as the primary (and, if applicable, secondary) work areas for all NPAC functions to be performed	Yes_	No	
	Have sufficient and suitable telecommunications links available with diverse routing disaster protection	Yes_	No	
	Provide sufficient backup power to maintain operation through electrical outages of at least eight hours	Yes_	No	
12.21	Telecommunications Requirements			
	Individual phone lines for staff members	Yes_	No	
	24 hour hotline		_ No	
	Voice Messaging System		_ No	
	Data communication facilities	Yes_	_ No	
12.22	Staffing			
	Permanent, full time employees	Yes_	_ No	
	Responsibilities dedicated to the NPAC		No	
	Background check		No	
12.23	Service Objectives			
	NPAC availability 24 hours a day, seven days a week	Yes_	_ No	
	Service consistency		No	
	Service reliability	Yes	No	
	Service response time			

Section 13: Future Considerations

The future of number portability, such as the number of service providers and possible expansion to geographic and service portability, and number administration are not known at this time. The SMS platform should not preclude future expansion to adapt to additional needs as they arise. Specific impacts that may occur are as follows:

- 1. Expansion to allow additional service providers. This will increase the number of ports needed for the links and the number of service providers sending updates and receiving broadcasts.
- 2. Expansion to other states: This will require an increase in the size of the database, and an increase in both the number of updates and the number of broadcasts. The number of service providers using the SMS may also increase.
- 3. Geographic number portability: This will require an increase in the size of the database, and an increase in both the number of updates and the number of broadcasts. There may also be interfaces between regional SMSs. Geographic portability may be done in stages, such as initially being geographic portability beyond current rate centers but within a specific region.
- 4. Pooled NXXs: This will require an increase in the size of the database due to all numbers within a shared NXX being in the database, and an increase in both the number of updates and the number of broadcasts. This may also require some number administration in the SMS.
- 5. Overlays of NPA-NXXs: The NPAC SMS will be required to adapt to changes, if any, resulting from overlays.
- 6. Expansion for use by wireless service providers: This may require new data fields and an increase in the number of service providers using the SMS.
- 7. Expansion to include data related to resellers. This may require data indicating the reseller, if any for telephone numbers and will increase the size of the database. Resellers may also need to access the database.

The above are not intended as requirements on the SMS, but only as information on possible future needs. Vendors are requested to describe how the NPAC and SMS can be adapted to accommodate the above situations. This information does not imply future obligation on the group to contract with the selected vendor for any future needs.

Section 14: Glossary

Activation Time Stamp	Date/Time Stamp of when the TN porting activation command was received by the NPAC SMS from the new Service Provider. This time stamp is also stored in the Local SMSs and SCPs to assist auditing.
Auditing	Comparing of records in various systems to check for consistency and to correct any discrepancies.
	NPAC SMS Û Local Service Providernetwork audit: comparing records stored in the NPAC SMS and the Local Service Providernetwork.
Due Date	The Due Date is a date/time stamp on a subscription order that indicates the approximate date/time of activation. The actual activation of the subscription order is triggered by the Activation Request from the new SP. The Due Date will be used to determine when both new and old SPs should have sent their matching subscription orders, as well as for aging old unprocessed orders from the system.
GTT	Global Title Translation - performed for CLASS and LIDB access features. A 10-digit GTT is now required for LNP (instead of the current 6-digit). This requires that the NPAC maintain: a) the DPC and DPC-type (End-office or Gateway) information for the CLASS feature, and b) the DPC information for LIDB Gateway for LIDB access.
NPAC	Number Portability Administration Center is operated by a neutral third party, and performs administration functions for LNP.
NPAC SMS	The regional SMS is the HW/SW platform for an Operations Support System that performs administration functions for the Local Number Portability Service. It is the master database for ported TNs.
LNP	Local Number Portability is the ability to port TNs. There are three flavors: - Service Provider Portability - Location (Geographic) Portability - Service Portability
Local SMS	The SMS used by the Service Provider, that receives LNP data from the NPAC SMS and distributes it to the SPs network elements (e.g., SCPs). This is a logical function and may be implemented as a separate system or as part of a network element.
Longitude & Latitude	Coordinates to define geographic location for billing and rating purposes.

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LRN	Location Routing Number is a 10-digit number used to uniquely identify a switch that supports porting.
Ported TN	A TN ported to a switch that is not the NANP-assigned switch.
Rate Center	Geographic locations assigned V & H coordinates between which distances are determined for billing and rating purposes.
Service Portability	The ability to port TNs when changing services, e.g., from POTS to ISDN.
Service Provider	A Service Provider that provides telecommunication services. Some examples of service providers are: - Local Service Provider - Long Distance Service Provider - SCP/SMS Service Provider - Directory Services/Operator Service Provider - Non-facilities-based Service Provider (e.g., Reseller)
Service Provider Portability	The ability to port TNs when changing service among Local Service Providers.
Subscription	Information record for a TN.
TN	Telephone Number
V&H Coordinates	Vertical and Horizontal Coordinates to define geographic location for billing and rating purposes.
Version	Time-sensitive (or status-sensitive) instance of subscription data.

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Section 15: Acronyms

AIN Advanced Intelligent Network

AMA Automatic Message Accounting (Billing)

BAF Bellcore AMA Format

CLASS Custom Local Area Signaling System

DPC Destination Point Code

F & T From and To service order

GDMO Generalized Definitions of Managed Objects

GTT Global Title Translation

IN Intelligent Network

LATA Local Access Transport Area
LIDB Line Information Database
LNP Local Number Portability
LRN Location Routing Number

NANP North American Numbering Plan

NPAC Number Portability Administration Center

OCN Operating Company Number

RAO Revenue Accounting Office (Billing)

SOA Service Order Administration
SMS Service Management System

S P Service Provider
S S N Subsystem Number
T Telephone Number
TT Translation Type

Section 16: Attachments

PROVISION SERVICE PROCESS FLOW

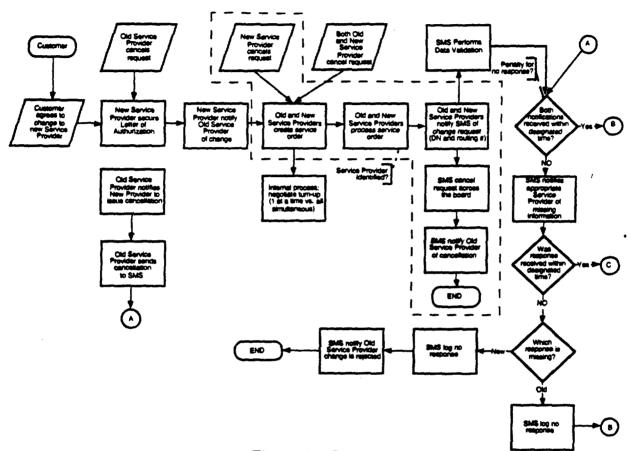


Figure 1 - Part 1

PROVISION SERVICE PROCESS FLOW

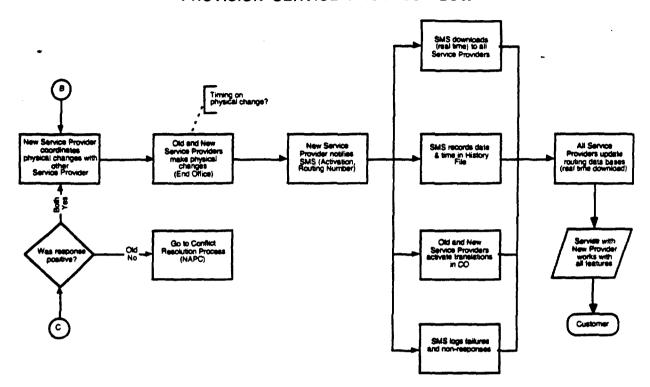
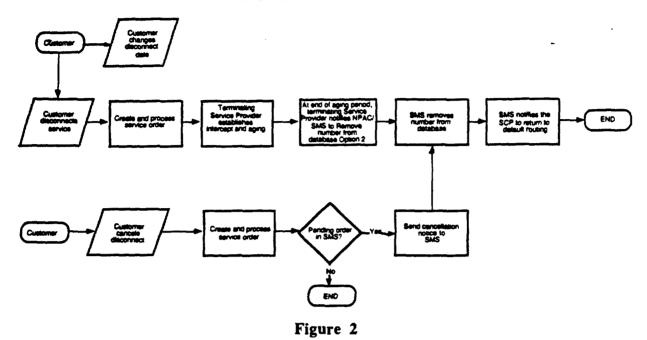


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DISCONNECT SERVICE



REPAIR SERVICE

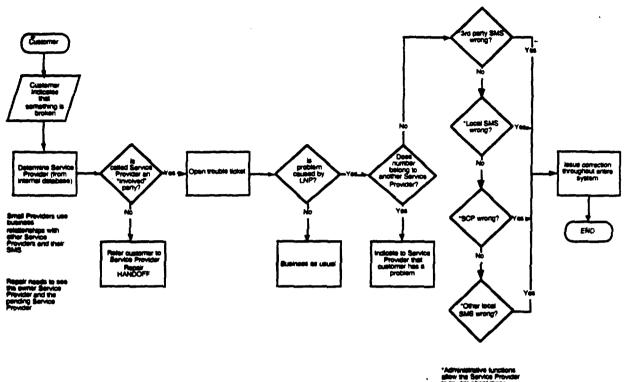


Figure 3

DISASTER RECOVERY PROCESS FLOW

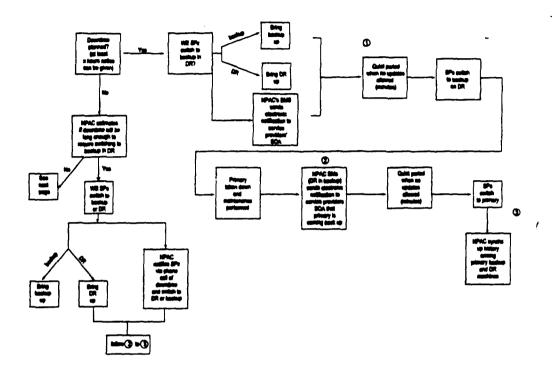


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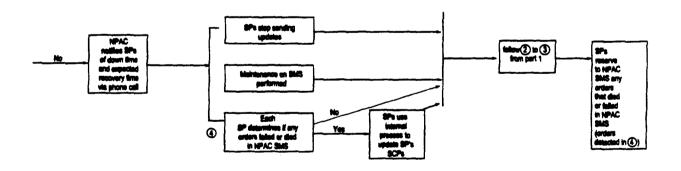


Figure 4 - Part 2

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EXAMPLE OF CALL FLOW IN NUMBER PORTABILITY ENVIRONMENT - LOCAL CALL TO A PORTED NUMBER FROM NON-PORTED NUMBER (Called number has ported from SP₁ to SP₂)

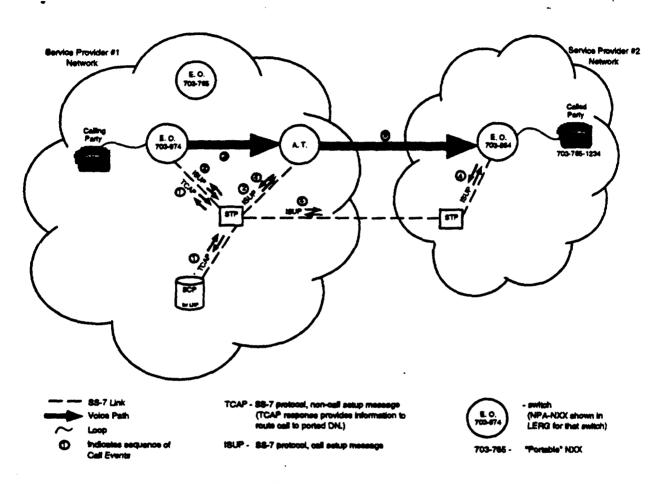
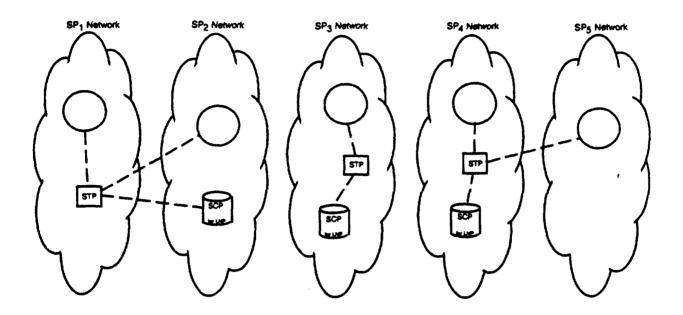


Figure 5 - Part 1

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EXAMPLES OF SERVICE PROVIDER ACCESS TO AN LNP ROUTING DATABASE DURING CALL PROCESSING (REAL-TIME ACCESS) Note: Switch Doing LNP Routing Query may be an end-office (originating or terminating) or a Tandem



SP - Service Provider

STP - Signal Transfer Point

SCP - Service Control Point (contains LNP routing detabase)



SS-7 Links

Figure 5 - Part 2

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1. GUIDE TO DOCUMENT

1.1 OVERVIEW

This Generic Requirements (GR) document defines the switch requirements for the Number Portability (NP) - Location Routing Number (LRN) Method feature. The terms Number Portability (NP) and Local Number Portability (LNP) are used interchangeably within this document.

Number Portability is a circuit switched network capability that allows a user on a switching switch to move to a different switching switch while retaining their public directory number. Other users can connect to the portable subscriber without any changes to their dialing procedures. Requirements provided in this document address Number Portability using the LRN to identify the Recipient switch when numbers get ported. This document does not address LNP for subscribers with directory numbers that are also used for packet switched data.

This document provides the switch requirements for Service, Service Provider, and Location portability within a rate center. Number portability beyond a rate center is beyond the scope of this document and is for further study.

1.2 Assumptions

- Each switch has at least one NPA-NXX that is "homed" to the switch (assigned in the LERG) and this NPA-NXX can be used for the LRN. This may be an existing NPA-NXX or newly assigned NPA-NXX to the switch.
- 2) Existing intra-switch features are not expanded to support subscribers on different switches if a subscriber moves interswitch. For example, intraswitch centrex groups can only be maintained when the entire group of subscribers port.
- 3) This feature is limited to circuit switched calls. Customers with DNs that are used for both voice and packet data can not be ported. This feature does not support packet data calls.
- 4) This document does not address any requirements for porting from wire-line to wireless or visa versa.
- 5) This document addresses the necessary requirements for location portability and service provider portability within a rate center.
- 6) This document is based on the "N-1" query point for LNP queries. There are no requirements for signaling the Ported Number GAP or FCI to an Interexchange Carrier via Feature Group D signaling.
- 7) The trigger for LNP queries can be done using both AIN and the IN protocol. For AIN, the trigger can be PODP-like or TAT-like. The switch need only support one LNP trigger type; PODP-like, TAT-like, or IN-like.
- 8) The LRN SCP database will include a Service Provider Identity associated with ported Directory Numbers. The Service Provider Identity is a numeric value with a maximum of 8 digits.
- 9) The DN value sent in the LNP query must be 10 digits.
- 10) The "ported number" GAP shall always be populated with the full ten digits of the ported number.
- 11) Only one NPA-NXX is needed as an LRN per LATA to identify the switch.
- 12) Ported numbers that become vacant will be returned to the donor switch.
- 13) Calls to numbers considered vacant by the switch may trigger a query if the FCI indicates "number not translated" and the NPA-NXX is designated as portable. "Vacant" means that the NPA-NXX is open on the switch, but no line has been assigned to that DN.
- 14) Numbers that are ported will be marked "vacant" on the donor switch. There will be no "ported" assignment within a switch.

- 15) A new LNP translation type (SS7 SCCP) can be provisioned for LNP queries and can be different from other AIN or IN queries.
- 16) Operator destined calls will not be queried by the switch and the call will be routed to the appropriate operator service without LNP modification.
- 17) If a donor switch receives a call with the FCI set for a call that recently moved from the switch, the donor switch does not need to re-query for the call. If providers do not update their SCPs in a timely fashion, calls to recently ported numbers may fail (SCPs may be locked out from updating during upgrades, etc.). The donor switch does not have the responsibility for correcting mis-routed calls that occur during changes of service providers or locations.
- 18) LRNs may also be DNs assigned to customers and these DNs may also be portable.
- 19) The LNP post-query processing can be provisioned so no AIN or IN triggers will be encountered while processing the LRN or the Dialed Number.
- 20) When the switch signals to another switch using either MF or SS7, the called party information follows existing digit editing (i.e., digit prefix or delete) regardless of whether the called party information is an LRN or dialed number. The trunk interface for the expected number of digits must be maintained for LNP calls.
- 21) Existing AIN or IN triggers take precedence over LNP triggers.
- 22) LNP Triggers are not expected to be placed on Service Codes (e.g., 411) or Service Access, Codes (e.g., 800).
- 23) An LNP-capable switch will signal a designated NPA-NXX of the LRN to another office via the JIP parameter in the IAM message.
- 24) This release of the GR does not fully address the billing issues associated with identifying multiple service providers on the same switch (no service provider line attribute); especially when the number ports from one service provider to another on the same switch.
- 25) This document does not address the issues related to porting subscribers out of a non-LNP capable switch.
- 26) Number Portability will not be "flash cut" into a network(s).
- 27) Rating and billing for LNP will support end-user billing for calls which transit MF legs.
- 28) Inter-company access settlements will be based on usage and call mileage.
- 29) Billing changes to support LNP will be transparent to end-user(s).
- 30) An end-user bill for a given call may be processed on a single AMA record.
- 31) Each Service Provider will be capable of charging access fees for calls delivered to their switch/network.
- 32) Multiple rate centers will be contained within the same switch.
- 33) A capability to bill for performing an LNP query will be available to service providers. However, not all of this functionality will be provided by switch AMA recording. Initially the switch will record queries against the terminating networks LRN (e.g. terminating service provider if the same as switch owner). The "previous" network/service provider in the call stream can be associated with an LNP query when the LNP module is appended to terminating access records at an intermediate or donor switch; however the switch will not have the ability to record the LNP query against the originating service provider/network LRN when the originating network is not the one immediately previous in the call stream. The LNP SCP database is expected to also record peg counts for LNP queries in an appropriate billing format. LNP SCP database query counts will be kept on a per-service provider basis. The record will include the number of queries and the number of times an LRN was found for the dialed DN.
- 34) While a persistent or extended transaction is open, an LNP trigger can be encountered and the LNP trigger shall not open a persistent transaction or use the AIN Send_To_Resource operation.
- 35) Existing AIN or IN procedures apply for ACG controls for LNP queries.

1.3 Definitions and Acronyms

1.3.1 Acronyms

AC Automatic Callback

AIN Advanced Intelligent Network
AMA Automatic Message Accounting

ANI Automatic Number Identification (a.k.a. Billing Number)

ANSI American National Standard Institute

AR Automatic Recall
BAF Belicore AMA Format

- BELLCORE Bell Communications Research

CdPN Called Party Number CAC Carrier Access Code

CAMA Centralized Automatic Message Accounting

CDR Call Detail Record

CLASS¹ Custom Local Area Signaling Services

CPE Customer Premises Equipment

CPN Calling Party Number **CSD** Circuit Switched Data **CSV** Circuit Switched Voice DN **Directory Number** DNT Dialed Number Trigger FCI Forward Call Indicator GAP Generic Address Parameter GR Generic Requirements GTT Global Title Translations IAM Initial Address Message IC Interexchange Carriers **ICLATA** Intra-LATA Carrier Selection

IN Intelligent Network

ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network

ISUP ISDN User Part

ISVM Interswitch Voice Messaging
JIP Jurisdiction Information Parameter
LATA Local Access Transport Area
LEC Local Exchange Carrier
LERG Local Exchange Routing Guide
LIDB Line Identification Database

LNASK Local Number Administration Service Center

LNP Local Number Portability
LRN Location Routing Number
MDR Message Detail Recording
MF Multiple Frequency signaling
MWI Message Wait Indicator
NP Number Portability
NPA Numbering Plan Area

NRA Network Routing Address (see LRN)

NXX Office Code

OAM Operations, Administration and Maintenance

OCN Operating Company Number

OHD Off-Hook Delay

OLHB Outgoing Line History Block

OS Operations Systems

OSPS Operator Services Position System
PIC Pre-subscribed Interexchange Carrier

¹ CLASS is a Service Mark of Belicore.

PODP	3/6/10 Digit Public Office Dialing Plan Trigger
SCCP	Signaling Connection Control Part
SCP	Service Control Point
SDS	Specific Digit String Trigger (PODP is the term used for this document)
SLE	Screen List Editing
SMS	Service Management System
SOAC	Service Order Analysis and Control
SPID	Service Provider Identify
SS7	Signaling System 7
SSP	Service Switching Point
STP	Signal Transfer Point
TAT	Termination Attempt Trigger
TCAP	Transaction Capability Application Part
WATS	Wide-Area Telephone Service

1.3.2 Definitions

<u>Conditional Trigger</u> The trigger is encountered after additional criteria is satisfied

Connecting Network Access Record A new type of terminating access record to be used to support,

recording of number portability information when an LNP query is performed at an intermediate (tandem) switch. This record may be recorded for calls incoming to the intermediate (or Donor) switch when no other terminating access record is generated (e.g. for calls incoming over traditional, non-equal

access inter-office trunks).

Donor Switch The switch the DN was initially ported from.

<u>Default Routing</u> The ability of the switch to continue the call based on the

dialed number when the SCP cannot be accessed due to

abnormal circumstances.

End-User Business or residential subscriber.

Intra-LATA Portability Providing number portability within a LATA.

Intermediate Switch A tandem switch.

LATA A defined geographic area where equal access switches or

access tandem switches can provide carrier access to the local

switch

Line Served by Switch Any Directory Number that is connected to the switch or

subtends the switch. The DN may be a physical subscriber

port or a virtual DN.

Location Portability Allows the end-user to retain his/her DN after changing

physical locations.

Location Routing Number A 10-digit number used to uniquely identify a switch that has

ported numbers.

Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)

An intraLATA route where the route does not involve an

Routing

Interexchange carrier. For this case, a IXC is neither dialed nor presubscribed. Typically, Feature Group C signaling is

used for signaling the call out of the office.

LNP routing tables Tables which route calls, based on called NPA-NXX, to the